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CCoA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 13–14, 2007

AARP California State Office, Sacramento

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Lundin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Ernest Ayala, Ruth Braswell, Connie Chang, Lily Chen, Mike DeNunzio, James Davis, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Karen Josephson, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Andy Scharlach, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Leah Wyman, Benny Yee, Celia Esquivel

Commissioners Excused: Hank Lacayo, Jon Pynoos, Carlos Rodriguez, Tom Rowe

Guests: Mike Collins, Derrell Kelch, Monique Parrish, Lynn Daucher, Violet Henry, Joyce Fukui, Damon Nelson, Joe Rodrigues, Johanna Myers, Barbara Estrada, Andrea Bricker, Al Braswell, and Bernice Ayala.

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Lynn Nielsen
A quorum was present

III. Introductions

Commissioners made self-introductions.

IV. Approve Agenda

The June 13-14, 2007 agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Braswell/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 13-14, 2007 AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes

The minutes from the April 23-24, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Glavaz/Monck)

TO APPROVE THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 23-24, 2007.

VI. Public Comments

None.

VII. Certificate of Appreciation Presentation to *Michael Collins, Outgoing Executive Director, State Independent Living Council (SILC)*

Commissioner Davis presented a certificate of appreciation to Collins upon his acceptance of the Executive Director's position at the National Council on Disability in Washington, D.C. Collins founded SILC and has served as Executive Director since 1997. Vice Chair Davis thanked Collins for his enthusiasm and dedication. Collins thanked the Commission for their effective work, commitment and staff support.

VIII. Presentation: "C4A ...Looking Back ... Looking Forward" *Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)*

Commissioner Davis introduced Derrell Kelch, Executive Director of C4A. Kelch described the C4A organization and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) history, structure, and purpose. He also gave a brief overview of the area agencies' role in the planning and coordination of service delivery to older Californians.

Kelch explained that C4A is an independent non-profit organization created to assist with implementation of the Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Fitzpatrick referred the Commissioners to her report in the agenda packet.

X. Executive Committee Report (Chair Esquivel)

A. SB 491 (Alquist) & the California Integrated Senior Advocacy Network

Commissioner Esquivel reported that the Executive Committee discussed the bill and the proposed advocacy building process.

Fitzpatrick noted that the initial agreement for CCoA involvement was contingent upon the receipt of funding. Denial of a funding proposal, weak commitments from partner organizations and other factors have shifted the momentum.

Staff was directed to convey to Senator Alquist the Commission's commitment to helping in the development of legislation to address shortfalls in the aging service delivery system. The CCoA's advocacy activities would be decided through the upcoming retreat process.

M/S/C (Davis/Chen)

TO AUTHORIZE FITZPATRICK TO INFORM THE PROPONENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED ADVOCACY NETWORK OF THE CCOA'S NEED TO FOCUS ON ITS OWN ADVOCACY GOALS AS IDENTIFIED DURING THE RETREAT. ALSO, TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER TO SENATOR ALQUIST REGARDING CCOA'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH HER ON SB 491.

B. Ratify Field Hearing Topic for October

Assemblymember Patty Berg has invited CCoA to collaborate on a hearing on transitional care issues in October.

M/S/C (Monck/Glavaz)

TO CO-SPONSOR THE OCTOBER FIELD HEARING WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGING AND LONG TERM CARE.

C. Renew Memorandum of Understanding between the CCoA and the California Foundation on Aging (CFOA)

The 2007 proposed MOU between the CFOA and CCOA was reviewed. Commissioner Esquivel noted that the Executive Committee recommended numerous changes in the language. The Committee also asked for additional information regarding the cost of audits. Staff was directed to research and draft new MOU language for consideration at the August CCoA meeting.

D. SB 434 (Romero)

Sewell reported on SB 434, legislation amended in April to give CCoA responsibility for development of the state's long term care system.

The Executive Committee had agreed to send a letter urging that CCoA be replaced in the bill with an entity with more appropriate long term care expertise. The Commission discussed the role of the Advocacy and Policy Committee in positioning legislation and the Committee's responsibility for recommending CCoA involvement in legislation. The need for guidelines to clarify committee roles was discussed.

M/S/C (Davis/Braswell)

TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER TO SENATOR ROMERO OUTLINING THE CCOA'S STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES, URGING THE LONG TERM CARE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN SB 434 BE ASSIGNED TO A MORE APPROPRIATE ENTITY, AND OFFERING TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN THE PROCESS.

XI. Advocacy & Policy(A&P) Committee Report & Recommendations

Commissioner Staggs reported on the A & P meeting in Chairman Lacayo's absence.

A. Legislative Review

The Committee recommended CCoA take the following positions:

1. SB 623 (Wiggins) NO ACTION TAKEN
2. SB 573 (Scott) SUPPORT. Approved.
3. SB 535 (Kuehl) SUPPORT. Approved.
4. AB 585 (Berg) SUPPORT. Approved.
5. AB 1526 (Lieber) SUPPORT. Approved.
6. SB 489 (Steinberg) WATCH. Approved.
7. AB 55 (Dymally) SUPPORT. Approved.
8. AB 380 (Berg) SUPPORT. Approved.
9. AB 853 (Jones) NO ACTION TAKEN
10. AB 1142 (Salas) SUPPORT. Approved.
11. Older Americans Act funding request – SUPPORT

M/S/C (Staggs/Lundin)

TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. Older American's Act

Sewell noted that the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding is moving very quickly. The National Council on Aging has asked for ten percent increase in funds supporting the Older Americans Act.

M/S/C (Josephson/Phillips)

TO SEND A LETTER TO SENATORS FEINSTEIN AND BOXER AND TO THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO SUPPORT A TEN PERCENT INCREASE IN OAA FUNDS.

XII. Strategic Plan for an Aging California Population Committee Report & Recommendations (Commissioners Josephson and Scharlach)

Josephson said the Committee would adopt a streamlined report format for the biennial Progress Report due to the legislature in 2007. The Progress Report will include CCoA field hearing recommendations, review of legislative activity, report from Task Team leaders and a survey of other state actions. Distribution of the Progress Report will target legislators and appointing authorities in order to increase the focus on aging issues.

M/S/C (Ayala/Yee)

TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

XIII. State Plan on Aging Monitoring Committee Report & Recommendations (Commissioners Chen and Glavaz)

The State Plan Monitoring Committee met with California Department of Aging staff and heard about Area Agencies on Aging monitoring activities. Three program areas were reviewed: nutrition, information and assistance, and improving access to older adult mental health services. The Committee will meet with CDA again in October to review additional State Plan objectives.

M/SC (Josephson/Goode)

TO ACCEPT THE STATE PLAN MONITORING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

XIV. Volunteer Partnership Project Committee Report & Recommendations (Commissioners Goode and Ueland)

Commissioner Ueland described the State Plan's objective to expand older adult volunteer opportunities in HICAP, nutrition programs, and ombudsman program. The State Plan calls for program effectiveness, new recruitment strategies and the need for more information dissemination. In addition, better volunteer training and targeted recruitment is needed as well as recognizing volunteer opportunities.

Commissioner Goode reported difficulties recruiting and retaining senior volunteers in California; the percentage of seniors willing to engage in volunteer opportunities is only 17 percent. The Committee focused this meeting on how the state's long term care ombudsman program recruits and utilizes volunteers.

M/S/C (Yee/Glavaz)

TO ACCEPT THE VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT.

XV. Retreat Overview (Commissioners Esquivel and Davis)

Commissioners Davis and Esquivel introduced the retreat and facilitator Monique Parrish. Fitzpatrick and Sewell presented an overview of CCoA statutory and non-statutory responsibilities, organization chart, previous planning documents and accomplishments from the prior CCoA Strategic Plan.

Parrish facilitated Commission discussion to review and identify priority focus areas (goals) for the CCoA 2007-09 Operational Plan.

XVI. The CCoA meeting recessed until 8:00 a.m. June 14, 2007.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

XVII. Call to Order

Commissioner Esquivel called the meeting back to order at 8:00 a.m.

XVIII. Strategic Retreat Continued

Parrish facilitated the Commissioners through additional planning sessions on new plan objectives and operational issues.

XIX. Commissioner Reports

Commissioners were given the opportunity to report on their local activities.

XX. Next Meeting: August 13-14, 2007 in Riverside and Rancho Cucamonga.

XXI. Adjourn

Chair Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.